GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:372
ANSWERED ON:22.08.2006
BAN ON EXPORT OF MARINE PRODUCTS .
Gadakh Shri Tukaram Gangadhar

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) Whether import of marine products from India has been banned by some countries;

(b) If so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor, country-wise;

(c) Whether any guidelines have been issued by the Government to the manufacturers of marine products for the manufacturing of the product of international quality; and

(d) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Saudi Arabia has banned import of fresh marine products from India on the ground of Cholera in India.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House. STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.372 FOR ANSWER ON 22.08.2006 REGARDING "BAN ON EXPORT OF MARINE PRODUCTS"

(d)Specifications for Fresh, Frozen and Processed Fish and Fishery are: -
i) National standards of the importing countries; or

ii) Contractual specifications agreed to between the foreign buyer and the exporter provided the same is satisfying the health and other requirements of the importing country;

iii)In the absence of
(i) or
(ii) above, the minimum general specifications for shrimps / prawns are that appearance and colour shall be characteristic to the particular type / form of fresh /freshly cooked shrimps / prawns as the case may be. The material shall be reasonably free from dehydration, discolouration and black spots. The material shall not show any sign of deterioration and shall be free from off odour and foreign odour. The texture of meat shall be soft and consistent and shall have characteristic flavour of Fresh/Cooked Shrimps/Prawns. The products shall be free from extraneous matter. The Bacteriological specifications for Shrimps/Prawns are as under:

Bacteriological	Fresh / Chilled / Frozen	Cooked / Boiled
Total plate count at 37 C per gm. maximum	5,00,000	1,00,000
E. coli count per gm.	Max. 29	Nil
Coagulase positive staphylococcus per gm.max.	100	100
Salmonella and S. arizona per 25 gms	Nil	Nil

iv) In the case of any fresh, frozen and processed fish and fishery products for which no standard is available (i, ii and iii above), the

standard formulated by an Expert Committee would be made applicable.